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**DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO
CHILD EXPLOITATION CHARGES**

Memphis, TN - LESLIE EUGENE MOORE, a 56 year old Collierville, Tennessee resident, entered a guilty plea today to charges of production of child pornography involving the use of female minors, ranging in age from seven (7) to eleven (11) years, engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as well as the unlawful possession of child pornography announced David Kustoff, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. The defendant appeared before U.S. District Court Judge Samuel H. Mays. Sentencing is set for July 11, 2007. Moore remains in custody pending sentencing.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The indictment against Moore resulted from investigation conducted by the Collierville Police Department and member agencies of the Memphis Crimes Against Children Task Force - specifically, the FBI, ICE, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and Memphis Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Dan Newsom is handling the case for the Government.